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Town Officers for 1883.

TOWN CLERK,
JOHN H. GOULD.

CONSTABLES.

H. W. LAKE, R. WARD.

SELECTMEN.

JOHN H. TOWNE, S. D. HOOD, B. P. PIKE.

ASSESSORS.

S. D. HOOD, J. H. TOWNE, J. H. GOULD.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

G. F. AVERILL, J. H. POTTER, I. M. WOODBURY.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

F. L. WINSLOW, 1884, C. F. DODGE, 1884, B. P. PIKE, 1885,
D. Q. PERKINS, 1885, H. BALCH, 1886, W. DONALDSON, 1884.

TREASURER.
JOHN H. GOULD.

FENCE VIEWERS.

J. H. POTTER, E. L. WILDES, E. E. FERGUSON.

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAY.

1. J. H. POTTER.
2. W. P. GALLUP.
3. G. F. AVERELL.
4. B. P. PIKE.
5. T. F. CASS.
6. D. W. PINGREE.
7. E. T. PHILLIPS.
8. D. A. CONANT.
9. C. A. AVERELL.
10. J. E. ANDREWS.
11. D. Q. PERKINS.
12. EPH'M PERKINS.
13. C. J. PEABODY.

FIELD DRIVERS.

E. O. GOULD, WM. HERRICK, J. E. ANDREWS.
WILLIAM SMITH, T. D. REED, B. C. DODD, JR.
H. H. ROBERTS,* Pound Keeper. C. A. KNEELAND, Pound Keeper.

FISH COMMITTEE.

E. S. CLIFFORD, A. B. RICHARDSON, B. P. ADAMS.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

DR. J. ALLEN, 1884. A. A. CONANT, 1885. A. M. MERRIAM, 1886.
CHARLES HERRICK, 1887. J. B. POOR, 1888.

COMMON COMMITTEE.

C. H. HOLMES, J. H. GOULD, H. BALCH.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

H. RAY, P. PERKINS, J. H. POTTER.

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

A. B. RICHARDSON, JAMES WILSON, T. K. LEACH.

BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE.

J. H. GOULD, S. TODD, B. P. ADAMS, C. HERRICK,
J. P. PERKINS, A. P. PEABODY, J. H. TOWNE.

COLLECTOR.
E. E. FERGUSON.

*Resigned.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births recorded, 17. Males, 13; Females, 4.

Marriage Certificates issued, 12. Marriages recorded, 15.

Number of dogs licensed, 68. Males, 61; females, 7.

DEATHS IN TOPSFIELD, 1883.

	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 14, Thomas B. Luscomb,	73	9	10
Feb. 1, David P. Perkins,	49	3	17
Feb. 17, Israel Rea,	79	11	17
Feb. 21, Anson McLoud,	69	7	30
March 27, Miss Nellie M. Curtis,	24		12
April 15, Miss Mary Towne,	77		7
April 15, Widow Huldah L. Sweeney,	75	11	17
April 15, Samuel J. Wakeham,	45	11	
April 18, ——— Porter,	Still born.		
April 26, John Peabody,	66		11
April 27, Mrs. Sarah A. Gunnison,	44		
May 17, Miss Carrie F. Lombard,	25	2	15
May 19, David E. Davis,	64	9	
May 31, Miss Harriet McEwen Kimball,	43	4	4
June 18, S. Horace Dickenson,	72	2	12
Aug. 15, Annie Mabel Taylor,			7
Aug. 26, Jacob Albert Towne,	39	1	
Nov. 12, Jacob Towne,	78	9	
Dec. 9, Humphrey Wildes,	69	6	29
Dec. 9, Benjamin P. Adams,	38	9	
Dec. 24, Mrs. Mary Ann Kimball,	73	11	24

BROUGHT INTO TOWN.

Jan. 4, Silas Cochrane, died Malden,	77	5	2
April 6, Mrs. Harriet A. Towne, died North Andover,	23	11	24
April 26, John S. Whipple, died South Tamworth, N. H.,	59	3	4
Dec. 11, Mrs. Nancy I. Chamberlain, died Danvers,	51	8	4

Assessors' Report.

NUMBER OF POLLS AND AMOUNT OF VALUATION.

TOPSFIELD, May 1, 1883.

Number of Polls, 306.

Amount of Personal Estate,	$201,064.00
" Real Estate,	528,821.00
Total Valuation,	$729,885.00

Poll Tax, $2.00. Tax on $1000, $11.00.

Total number of Horses,	216
" " Cows,	505
" " Oxen,	70
" " Sheep,	4
" " Dwelling Houses,	233
" " Acres of Land assessed,	7346

SALMON D. HOOD,
JOHN H. TOWNE,
JOHN H. GOULD,
} Assessors of Topsfield.

REPORT.

Receipts for the Year ending March 1, 1884.

Balance in the Treasury, March 1st, 1883,			$3,545.09
Amount received of	Corporation Tax,		202.10
"	"	Town Hall Committee,	110.00
"	"	Henry W. Lake, on Note,	500.00
"	"	Sarah P. Towne, on Note,	500.00
"	"	Lucinda W. Todd, on Note,	700.00
"	"	Charles H. Holmes, hay sold,	8.56
"	"	Town of Blackstone,	52.83
"	"	Trustees of Kimball Fund, on Note,	500.00
"	"	Samuel Todd, for grass,	4.00
"	"	Fish Committee,	11.00
"	"	National Bank Tax,	462.38
"	"	Military Aid,	529.00
"	"	Massachusetts School Fund,	217.53
"	"	Dog Tax,	128.80
"	"	J. Porter Gould, late Collector,	203.99
"	"	Dudley Bradstreet, late Collector, 1880,	280.81
"	"	Cow rights, Bare Hill Pasture,	33 00
"	"	John H. Gould, Collector, 1882,	890.49
"	"	Edward E Ferguson, Collector, 1883,	8,105.00
"	"	Memorial Committee, money unexpended,	5.10
			$16,989.68

Selectmen's Department.

SPECIFICATION OF ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER BY THE SELECTMEN, VIZ.:

Estate Anson McLoud, services as Librarian,.....$	75.00
" " " Superintendent of Schools,..	37.50
" " " taking census,.....	10.00
John A. Blaisdell, pathing snow, ...	3.00
Levi L. Beal, labor on highway,..... ...11.56	
" " pathing snow,..... ... 2.53—	14.09
Frank P. Tompkins, Superintendent of Schools,....	25.00
Thomas F. Gould, services as Constable, cash paid,	23.50
Frank L. Winslow, services as Town Clerk, '81, 3.00	
" " supplies for Centre School...2.87—	5.87
John H. Dodge, care of town clock, striking part,..	5.00
Bickford and Curtis, janitors of Centre Schools, ..	10.00
John J. Manning, janitor of North School, ...	5.00
E. P. Andrews, pathing snow,....	2.21
Elmer Towne, janitor and labor at South School,...	7.75
A. W. Stevens, pathing snow, ...3.23	
" " labor on highway,.....4.20—	7.43
Mary E. Gould, teaching Centre Primary School,..	112.00
A. H. Wilkins, teaching South School, ...	112.00
Mary A Wells, teaching North School, ...	112.00
Emma A. Dodge, teaching Centre Grammar School,	126.00
Annie F. Ferguson, assistant teacher Centre School,	70.00
C. A. S. Kneeland, care of town clock, 6 mos., 5.00	
" " care of Library room,.... 5.00—	10.00
John G. Ryder, pathing snow, ...	2.00
Cornelius Collins, labor on highway, ...	3.06
Overseers of Poor, aid to Samuel Bickford, ...	10.00
Warren L. Nichols, labor on cesspool and pipe,....	3.57
Calvin Putnam, gravel for highway, 1882,..... ...	18.16
Israel A. Perkins, janitor and labor at East School,	6.00
Goldthwait & Bixby, carpeting for almshouse, ...	16.50
Haskell & Lougee, furniture for almshouse,.....	46.45
Frank L. Winslow, services as Supt of Schools,...	12.50
Overseers, aid to George Bixby,...	11.00

Laura H. Lake, teaching East School,		112.00
Alfred W. Proctor, services at almshouse,		68.50
A. L. Hodgdon, labor on highway, cutting ice,		5.36
Wm. E. Kimball, board of Harriet Wilson, pauper,		20.83
Samuel Todd, for Bare Hill Pasture,		800.00
Fred Andrews, janitor East School, Spring and Fall Terms,		3.00
Benjamin B. Towne, interest on two notes,		120.00
J. B. Poor, goods for almshouse,		66.67
Wm. B. Kimball, goods for almshouse,		33.75
Mrs. Thomas Gould, labor at almshouse,		113.00
Wm. P. Gallup, pathing snow,	7.38	
" " cutting ice,	6.99	
" " cash paid,	4.32—	18.69
Robert Lake, clothing for almshouse,		21.78
Henry K. Pratt, one cow for Poor Farm,		62.50
Daniel W. Pingree, labor on highway, cash paid,		59.60
Benjamin Fuller, cutting cord-wood for almshouse,		8.00
William H. Munday, labor on highway,		3.40
John Smith, labor on highway,		3.40
C. Augustine Gould, labor on highway,		6.80
John H. Potter, labor on highway,	3.40	
" " labor on bridges,	16 90	
" " labor on Town Hall,	10.75	
" " making trough, platform, town well,	8.25—	39.30
Charles W. Floyd, labor on highway,		1.36
William Gould, labor on highway,		3.40
Levi L. Beal, labor on highway,		8.65
Dennis Lynch, labor on highway,		1.70
John H. Gunnison, labor on highway,		3.40
Nathaniel Foster, two bridge stringers,		8.25
C. Augustine Gould, labor on highway,		3.91
John H. Dodge, labor on highway,		5.78
Wm. P. Gallup, labor on highway,	20.74	
" " cash paid,	41.56—	62 30
Charles H. Conley, labor on highway,		1.70
Thomas F. Cass, labor on highway,	5.10	
" " cash paid,	27.30—	32.40

A. B. Richardson, one Douglas force pump,	20.00
James Waters, labor on highway, 9.61	
" " pathing snow, 1.28—	10.89
Wm. H. Homan, labor on highway, 6.72	
" " pathing snow, 1.27—	7.99
Loring A. Rust, labor on highway,	4.84
George W. Dwinell, labor on highway,	7.73
Charles J. Peabody, labor on highway, 10.97	
" " pathing snow, 4.50—	15.47
Erwin T. Phillips, labor on highway,	6.80
Wm. Pitman Gould, interest on note,	60.00
Wm. G. Lake, note and interest,	1,060.00
Joseph E. Andrews, labor on highway,	24.67
Timothy Fuller, labor on highway,	3.40
George A. Wildes, labor on highway,	3.40
Henry W. Lake, interest on note,	15.00
Elisha P. Andrews, labor on highway,	9.35
Mrs. A G. Phillips, labor at almshouse,	14.00
George P. Frame, to cedar posts,	35.00
Charles Winslow, labor on highway, 1.02	
" " labor on Centre School grounds, 10.62—	11.64
C. F. Jordan, blacksmithing for Poor Farm,	13.45
Conant & Merriam, gravel for highway,	2.40
Benjamin B. Towne, interest on note,	30 00
Overseers, aid to George Bixby,	6.00
John K. Cole, moving and building wall at cemetery,	59.00
A. L. Hodgdon, labor on highway,	1.70
Isaac M. Woodbury, one cow for Poor Farm,	42.00
Henry W. Lake, one note,	250.00
Daniel A. Conant, labor on highway, 28.73	
" " cash paid, 41.38—	70.11
Erwin T. Phillips, gravel for highway,	4.32
Edward E. Gunnison, labor on cemetery fence,	5.10
Chas. Winslow, labor on cemetery fence, &c., 8.12	
" " labor on Town Common, 3.57—	11.69
Committee on Memorial Day, cash,	75.00
Charles H. Conley, labor on highway,	2.55
J. H. Towne, labor on highway, 3.06	
" " labor on bridges, 4.69	
" " labor on cemetery fence, &c., 9.56—	17.31

Fred. Smerage, labor on highway,	5.84
Albert W. Stevens, labor on highway,	3.40
Elisha P. Andrews, for cedar posts,	4.00
C. Austin Averell, labor on highway,	25.00
A. B. Richardson, pump and lead pipe for almshouse,	16 07
Moses Wildes, interest on two notes,	180.00
Charles Herrick, interest on three notes,	90.00
Charles Herrick, coal for Centre School,	15.00
John W. Jewett, labor at Centre School-house,	10.40
Overseers, aid to George Bixby,	5.00
John H. Gunnison, labor on highway,	12 32
Edward E. Gunnison, labor on highway,	1.70
C. A. S. Kneeland, care Library room, 3 mos.,	6.00
" " care of town clock, "	2.50
" " care of Town Hall, "	3.00— 11.50
Wm. P Gallup, coffin and robe for Horace Dickinson,	15.50
Fred. P. Merriam, coal for Centre School,	42.88
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., for school books,	49.50
Joseph B. Poor, goods for almshouse,	54.81
A. H. Wilkins, teaching South School,	70.00
Laura H. Lake, teaching East School,	70.00
Mary E. Gould, teaching Centre Primary School,	80.00
Emma F. Brown, teaching Centre Grammar School,	90.00
Minnie Foster, teaching North School,	70 00
Fred. L. Fuller, janitor Centre School,	5.00
William B. Kimball, goods for almshouse,	52.02
William S. Bell, painting wagon, Poor Farm,	12.00
Joseph E. Andrews, labor on highway,	16 05
Fred. P. Merriam, coal for Town Hall,	42.42
John H. Potter, rails for cemetery fence,	24.36
J. W. A. Perkins, printing for town,	4.00
" " printing for Library,	6 00— 10.00
Charles H. Holmes, paid for making hay on Common,	11.90
Overseers, aid to George Bixby,	5.00
County of Essex, board for Lewis L. Bixby,	64 64
Francis Curtis, labor on cemetery fence,	11.12
" " labor on highway,	7.93— 19.05
William S. Cloas, repairing slate on Town Hall,	9.62
Benjamin P. Edwards, medicines for almshouse,	11.00

Overseers. aid to George Bixby,	5.00
George A. Wildes, labor on highway,	3.91
Samuel E. McGlaughlin, labor on highway, grading Turnpike,	61.50
C. A. Gould, wood for Centre School-house,	7.00
James Cotten, labor on highway,	3.23
C. A. S. Kneeland, care of town clock, 3 mos., 2.50	
" " care of Library room, " 6.00—	8.50
Salmon D. Hood, services as Assessor,	35.00
Town Library Committee, for services of Librarian,	75.00
Daniel E. Hurd, gravel for highway,	8.45
Henry H. Potter, labor on Centre School-house,	6.30
A. B. Richardson, labor, lead pipe, faucets, etc., Poor Farm,	80.05
Benjamin Pike. labor on highway,	22.45
Francis Peabody. sawing wood, Centre School-house,	3.50
A. S. Howe, board of Charles Potter,	26.00
B. Leary, labor on highway,	4.59
Overseers, aid to George Bixby,	5.00
John H. Gunnison, labor on highway,	5.61
Trustees of Deborah Kimball Centennial Fund, Note and Interest,	404.39
Edward E. Gunnison, labor on highway,	4.67
Silas E. Deland, labor on highway,	4.84
Benjamin P. Adams, goods for almshouse, 23.28	
" " supplies for Centre School, 2.58—	25.86
C. F. Jordan, blacksmithing for Poor Farm,	13.05
Joseph M. Parsons, cement pipe,	10.47
Wm. B. Kimball, goods for almshouse,	36.65
C. H. Weeks, engraving on Soldiers' Tablet,	5.00
Joseph B. Poor, goods for almshouse,	18.61
Allen Gould, labor on highway,	2.48
Eben W. Towne, labor on highway, 1.70	
" " pathing snow, 3.40—	5.10
G. W. Burnham, labor on highway,	1.59
Joseph E. Andrews, labor on highway, 30.95	
" " labor on bridges, 41.40—	72.35
Turner & Harrington, lumber for guards,	3.91
Foote & Horton, print'g Town and School Reports, &c.	47.87

Laura H. Lake, teaching East School,	56.00
Overseers, aid to Samuel Bickford,	52.00
Mrs. David P. Perkins, posts for guard,	1.00
James H. Conley, labor on highway,	2 50
Thomas F. Cass, labor on highway, 6.63	
" " cash paid, 15.99—	22.62
John H. Potter, lumber for bridges	58.05
E. Kendall Jenkins, County Tax,	870.17
Ira P. Long, blacksmithing for Poor Farm,	17.95
Amos L. Hodgdon, labor on highway,	8 50
George P. Dow, labor on highway,	8.50
Charles Winslow, labor on highway,	5.61
Erwin T. Phillips, labor on highway,	6.29
Ada H. Wilkins, teaching South School,	70.00
Overseers, aid to George Bixby,	5.00
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of Edwin Foster,	51 07
Emma W. Browne, teaching Centre School,	90.00
Benjamin P. Glazier, labor on highway,	9.90
Samuel Bickford, labor on highway,	3.40
Elisha P. Andrews, labor on highway,	10.20
John H. Towne, services as Assessor,	35.00
Thomas F. Cass, labor on highway, Prospect street,	41.93
Everett C. Taylor, labor on highway,	2.04
Minnie Foster, teaching North School,	70.00
Burial Ground Committee, labor on old cemetery,	34.14
C. Augustus Foster, labor on cemetery fence, 7.15	
" " labor on Centre School grounds 8.84	
" " labor on highway, 1.70	
" " labor on Town Common, 1.45—	19.14
Amos L. Hodgdon, labor on highway.	14,62
Overseers, aid to Annie Wentworth, Beverly,	30.00
John F. Perley, labor on highway, 1.70	
" " labor on guards, 4.44—	6.14
Mary E. Gould, teaching Primary School,	80.00
James Waters, labor on highway,	7.40
Loring A. Rust, labor on highway,	11.97
George W. Dwinell, labor on highway,	11.97
Wm. P. Gallup, labor on highway, 46.68	
" " cash paid, 22.10—	68.78

John H. Gould, services as Assessor,		35.00
Warren L. Nichols, labor on cesspools,		2.51
Boston & Maine Railroad Co., railroad ties,		1.20
Elisha P. Andrews, labor on highway,		3.40
Alden P. Peabody, labor on highway,		11.22
Overseers, aid to George Bixby,		5.00
C. A. S. Kneeland, care Library room, 3 mos.,	6.00	
" " care of town clock, "	2.50—	8.50
Samuel Todd, labor on highway,	20.48	
" " labor at new cemetery,	7.04—	27.52
Mary S. Perkins, interest on notes,		102.00
Elmer W. Stevens, janitor of South School,		5.00
William H. Homan, labor on highway,		9.75
Albert M. Dodge, janitor Centre School,		5.00
C. Augustus Foster, labor on highway,	17.34	
" " sawing wood at Town Hall	1.35—	18.69
Charles J. Peabody, labor on highway,		50 00
Daniel A. Gleason, State Tax,		660.00
Sewell L. Towne, labor on highway,		21.93
Frank E. Batchelder, labor on highway,		12.24
Benjamin Pike, labor on highway,	6.69	
" " labor on snow,	1.00	
" " labor on bridges,	2.04—	9.73
Baxter P. Pike, supplies for South School,		5.70
Daniel A. Conant, labor on highway,	15.13	
" " labor on guards,	3.74	
" " labor on bridges,	8.50—	27.37
William S. Bell, painting guide-boards,		5.50
Charles Perkins, labor on highway,		1.82
Joseph E. Andrews, labor on highway,		23.58
George F. Averell, labor on highway,	26.52	
" " labor on snow,	3.74—	30.26
Daniel Towne, labor on highway,		34.17
Moses Bradstreet, labor on highway,		14.62
John H. Towne, labor on highway,	1.96	
" " labor on bridges,	5.50	
" " labor on guards,	1.50—	8.96
Thomas W. Pierce, labor on highway,		12.50
Elisha H. Towne, labor on highway,		3.40

Salmon D. Hood, labor on highway, ... 8.10
" " labor on bridges, ... 5.10
" " labor on guards, ... 2.50
" " wood for Town Hall, ... 3.00— 18.70
Henry A. Peabody, expressing for Town and Library, 8.45
Ephraim Perkins, labor on highway, ... 35.47
" " labor on snow, ... 1.87
" " labor on bridges, ... 5.00— 42.34
Joseph B. Poor, goods for almshouse, ... 47.76
Dudley Q. Perkins, labor on highway, ... 30.24
" " labor on snow, ... 3.23
" " wood & supplies, East School, 25.50— 58.97
J. Arthur Towne, labor on highway, ... 6.80
Nathaniel Foster, labor on highway, ... 2.21
William H. Downs, labor on bridge, ... 5.42
Abel S, Howe, board of Charles Potter, ... 22.00
Benjamin P. Edwards, medicines for almshouse, ... 7.65
Dudley P. Towne, labor on highway, ... 10.09
County of Essex, board of Lewis L. Bixby, .. 65.71
" " clothing for " " .. 22.00— 87.71
J. Arthur Lamson, labor on highway, ... 10.60
" " wood for North School, .. 18.00— 28.60
Josiah P. Perkins, labor on highway, ... 17.94
" " labor on snow, ... 1.96— 19.90
Benjamin J. Balch, labor on highway, ... 16.25
John H. Potter, labor on East School-house, .. 27.50
" " lumber for East School-house, 30.18— 57 68
William B. Kimball, goods for almshouse, ... 42.09
" " goods for Jos. E. Peabody, 15.00
" " goods for John H. Gunnison, 5.00— 62.09
William L. Batchelder, labor on highway. 10.99
C. Fred. Jordan, blacksmithing for Poor Farm, ... 10.85
John A. Peterson, wood for South School, ... 19.00
John H. Potter, making book case for Town Library, 11.50
City of Chelsea, aid to Mary E. Dudley and family, 19.50
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board for Edwin Foster, 42.71
Albert Andrews, janitor of East School, ... 4.00
Leach & Wilson, repairs on wagon wheels, &c., for Poor Farm, ... 20.05
Leach & Wilson, making a heater for sidewalks, 5.50— 25.55

Overseers, aid to George Logan,.....5.00
" " George Bixby,.....5.00— 10.00
Emma W. Browne, teaching Centre School, Winter term, 1883, ... 88.00
David G. Perkins, labor on highway,..... .....8.02
" " labor on snow, ...1.02— 9.04
Horace Ray, special police,..... ..... 3.50
C. Augustus Foster, special police,..... 3.50
Daniel W. Pingree, labor on highway,.....3.40
" " labor on snow, ...1.70— 5.10
Moses Wildes, interest on two notes,..... 120.00
John H. Potter, labor on water works at Poor Farm,..... .....31.75
John H. Potter, stock for water works at Poor Farm,..... .....36.51
John H. Potter,labor on buildings at Poor Farm 72.50
" " stock for " " " 69.26— 210.02
" " labor on bridges,..... ..... 9.45
" " labor on guards, ... 2.10— 11.55
Isaac M. Woodbury, to meat and supplies for almshouse,..... 61.23
Fred P. Merriam, coal to John H. Gunnison,..3.50
" " coal to Thomas Fenton, ...4.00— 7.50
Isaac M. Woodbury, goods to Sam'l Bickford,..9.16
" " wood to George Logan,...3.50
" " wood to John H. Gunnison, 4.50
" " wood for Town Hall,.....3.50— 20.66
Benj. A. Orne, painting blackboards North School, ...2.00
Benjamin A. Orne, painting blackboards South School, ...2.00
Benjamin A. Orne, stock and painting book case Town Library,..... .....3.50
Benjamin A. Orne, to glass and setting the same at Town Hall,... ..... 2.25— 9.75
A. B. Richardson, stove and pipe for North Schoolhouse, ... 14.00
Eugene L. Wildes, labor on highway..... . .7.00
" " wood for North School-house, 4.25— 11.25

John B. Lake, making return of deaths for years 1882 and 1883, ... 10.75
John B. Lake, opening grave and attending funeral of Mrs. John H. Gunnison, ... 5.00
B. Austin Perkins, labor pathing snow,..... 3.40
" " stones for bridge, ...3.00— 6 40
John H. Gould, labor at cemetery,..... 6.05
Joseph B. Poor, supplies for Town Hall,..... 12.18
John H. Gould, stationery, expressing, books, etc., 13.37
Joseph B. Poor, school books for schools,.... 7.35
" " school supplies furnished,....19.17— 26.52
Wellington Donaldson, supplies North School and stone for bridge,..... 2.90
Fred Smerage, pathing snow,..... 17 00
Horatio Nelson, labor on bridge,..... 3.75
C. Austin Averell, wood for North School,..... 7.00
C. J. Averell, janitor North School,..... 3 00
C. Austin Averell, labor on bridges, ... 9.16
Augustus W. Smith, labor on highway,..... 8.00
Thomas Cass, pathing snow,..... 2.50
" " use of rock bogy,.....1.00— 3.50
Joseph B. Poor, goods for George Logan, ... 6.63
Horatio Nelson, labor on highway,..... 8.00
John H. Potter, labor on bridge, ... 1.75
" " making guide-boards, ... 1.75— 3.50
Daniel A. Conant, labor on water works, Poor Farm, 15.00
Overseers, interest on Anna Pingree fund, ... 300.00
William S. Bell, painting guide-boards, ... 7.50
" " pathing snow,.....3.91— 11.41
William P. Gallup, pathing snow, ... 5.08
Town of Georgetown, aid to Frank D. Peabody,... 87.50
George F. Averell, services as Overseer, cash paid, and journeys, ... 24.37
John H. Potter, services as Overseer, cash paid, and journeys, ... 19.89
Warren L. Nichols, labor on highway and cesspool, 4 01
Dudley Bradstreet, labor on highway, ... 13.31
Isaac M. Woodbury, services as Overseer, cash paid, ... 8.00

Justin Allen, medical attendance at almshouse, 12 25
" " returning births, ... 3.50— 15.75
Town of Groveland, aid to Jacob Peabody, ... 3.00
A. B. Richardson, labor and stock for Town Hall and clock, and services as Town Hall Committee, ...28.00
A. B. Richardson, school supplies, ... 3.45— 31.45
Alfred Cummings, labor on highway, ... 5 61
John H. Gould, Town Treasurer, ...50.00
" " Town Clerk, ...15.00
" " recording births, deaths, marriages, making returns, journeys, and cash paid, ...31.63— 96 63
John H. Towne, services as Selectman, military aid, 45.00
Salmon D. Hood, services as Selectman, military aid, 45.00
Baxter P. Pike, services as Selectman, ... 40.00

JOHN H. GOULD, ABATEMENT OF TAXES, YEAR OF 1882.

Ada J. Perkins, unable, ... 5.80
Daniel Blacksten, non-resident, ...2.00
Horace D. Bradstreet, " 2.00
Lewis S. Cobb, " 2.00
Charles Carmody, " 2.00
Austin E. Chamberlain, " 2.00
Aaron Hardy, " 2.00
Parker W. Welch, " 2.00
Walter S. Peterson, " 2.00
Charles H. Robinson, " 2.00
Albert W. Bixby, " 2.00
Albert W. Potter, " 2.00
Austin A. Morse, unable, ...2.00
Albert H. Davidson, unable, ...2 00
Benjamin F. Deland, unable, ...2.00
Charles W. Floyd, unable, ...2.00
Edward E. Gunnison, unable, ...2.00
Stephen P. Hammond, unable, ...2.00
A. T. Merrill, unable, ...2.00

S. J. Palmer, unable,..... ..... 2.00
E. C. Taylor, unable,.....2.00
J. Watson, unable,..... ... ...2.00— 47.80

EDWARD E. FERGUSON, ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1883.

Hall, Bradford & Co., over-taxed, ...72.49
J. G. Hubbard, over-taxed..... .. .... 2.20
C. C. Hanford, out of town, ... 2.94
Ada J. Perkins, unable, ...14.09 — 91.72

MILITARY AID—AMOUNT AND TO WHOM PAID.

Henry W. Phillips, ... 72.00
Louisa J. Welch,..... ...48.00
Mary J. Roberts, ...48.00
Mary Hoyt,..... ....48 00
E. Otis Gould, ...24 00
Elizabeth W. Perkins,..... ... .48.00
Elizabeth M. Deland, ...48.00
Maria J. Hobbs,..... .....48.00
Ann Benton,..... .....48.00
Dalmer J Carlton, ...54.00
Erwin T. Phillips, ... 24.00
Benjamin C. Dodd, Jr.,.... ....36.00
Stephen Pierce,..... ..... 18.00— 564.00

Total amount of orders drawn..... ....$12,524.26

SUMMARY VIEW OF ORDERS DRAWN BY THE SELECTMEN ON THE TREASURER.

SCHOOL EXPENSES

Supervision of Schools,.. ..... 75.00
Taking census, ... 10 00
School books, ... 56 85
Printing for schools,..... 9 20
Centre School and repairs,..... .....882.46
South School and repairs,..... ....296.00
North School and repairs,.... .....308.39
East School and repairs,..... 337.25—1,975.15

OTHER EXPENSES.

Repairs on highways,	1,328.56
Repairs on bridges,	189.96
Repairs on guards and guide-boards,	32.19
Gravel for highway,	33.33
Pathing snow,	96.94
Town Hall and clock, expenses,	145.57
Town Library, expenses,	196.50
Bare Hill Pasture,	800.00
New Cemetery,	171.00
Old Cemetery,	36.14
Town Common,	17.67
Town Well,	28.25
Committee on Memorial Day,	75.00
Printing for Town,	42.67
Military Aid,	564.00
Town Officers,	351.00
Town Notes paid,	1,631.50
Interest paid,	1,099 89
State Tax,	660.00
County Tax,	870.17
Abatement of taxes,	139.52
Overseers' Department,	1,967.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	72.25
Total amount,	$12,524.26

Financial Condition of the Town, ending March 1st, 1884

Dr. Balance in the Treasurer's hands, and the amount ordered in during the year,	$16,989.68
Cr., March 1st, 1884. Amount ordered out of Treasury this year,	12,524.26
Balance in the Treasury in cash,	$ 4,465.42
Town Debt, March 1st, 1884,	$20,400.00
Deduct amount in Treasury,	4,465.42
Total Debt, March 1st, 1884,	$15,934.58

Statements of Collectors.

J. PORTER GOULD.

	Dr.
Due last report,	$412 53
	Cr.
Cash paid Treasurer,	$203.99
Abatements,	17.44
Munday Estate, Tax due Town,	191.10
	$412.53

DUDLEY BRADSTREET.

	Dr
Due last report,	$341.25
	Cr.
Cash paid Treasurer,	$280.81
Abatement,	34.19
Munday Estate, Tax due Town,	26.25
	$341.25

JOHN H. GOULD.

	Dr.
Due last report: 1881, Tax,	$ 26.25
1882, "	911.49
	$937.74
	Cr.
Cash paid Treasurer,	$890.49
Munday Estate, Tax due Town,	47.25
	$937.74

EDWARD E. FERGUSON.

	Dr.
Amount to be collected, 1883,	$8,641.52
	Cr.
By cash paid Treasurer,	$8,105.00
To be collected,	536.52
	$8,641.52

JOHN H. TOWNE,
SALMON D. HOOD,
BAXTER P. PIKE,
} Selectmen of Topsfield.

Topsfield, Feb. 20th, 1884.

Overseers' Department, 1883.

AMOUNT DRAWN FROM TREASURER FOR POOR OUTSIDE THE FARM.

			Dr.
Samuel Bickford,	$ 71.16		
George Bixby,	52.00		
Harriet Wilson, of Blackstone,	20.83		
County of Essex, board of L. S. Bixby,	152.35		
A. S. How, board of Charles Potter,	48.00		
Annie Wentworth, of Beverly,	30.00		
Joseph E. Peabody,	15.00		
Mary E. Dudley,	19.50		
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of Edwin Foster,	93.78		
George Logan,	15.13		
John Gunnison,	18.00		
Thomas Finton,	4.00		
Town of Georgetown, aid to Frank D. Peabody,	87.50		
Town of Groveland, aid to Jacob Peabody,	3.00	—$	630.25
Amount drawn from Treasurer on account of paupers at the Farm,	1,031.68		
Amount drawn from Treasurer for repairs at the Farm,	141.76		
Amount drawn from Treasurer for water works,	163.31		
Cash paid, as per book of Superintendent,	319.17	—$	1,655.92
Whole amount paid out,			2,286.17
Cash in Superintendent's hands, February 15th, 1884,			131.17
Amount due from H. Bodge, for milk,			62.50
			$2,479.84

			Cr.
By orders drawn from Treasurer, on account of paupers, repairs, and water works,	1,967.00		
Amount sold by Superintendent from Farm, as per book,	512.84	—$	2,479.84

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

One Horse,	$ 45.00	
Two Oxen,	165.00	
Seven Cows,	290.00	
One Heifer,	25.00	
78 Hens,	46.80	
Four Swine,	45.00	
20 bushels of Corn,	7 50	
Five tons of English Hay,	90.00	
14 tons of Meadow Hay,	126.00	
One ton of Salt Hay,	12.00	
One ton of Rye Straw,	16.00	
13 bushels of Barley,	10.40	
20 bushels of Rye,	15.00	
Three bushels of Beans,	8.00	
40 bushels of Potatoes,	20.00	
275 lbs. of Salt Pork,	27.50	
50 lbs. of Ham,	6.50	
30 lbs. of Lard,	3.60	
25 lbs. of Butter,	7.50	
Farming Tools,	335.00	
Household Furniture and Bedding,	300.00	$1,601.80

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ANNAH PINGREE FUND.

Balance due of 1883,	$ 68.00	
Interest of $5000 for 1883 and 1884,	300.00	$368.00
Twenty-two families have been aided with goods, money, and fuel, to the amount of		330.00
Leaving a balance of		$38.00

Whole number of inmates at the almshouse,	7
Present number,	4
Cost per week of poor at Farm,	$2.95
Number of tramps lodged,	121
Interest on Farm and Taxes,	$200

G. F. AVERELL,
J. H. POTTER,
I. M. WOODBURY,
} Overseers of Poor.

Report of the Library Committee.

The past year has been one of marked prosperity to the Library. The interest of the people in it has been fully kept up, as has been shown by their attendance at the Library room every day upon which the room has been open for the delivery of books. The receipts have been such that the additions to the Library have exceeded those of former years. Johnson's Cyclopædia has been obtained, as well as valuable works in the several departments of biography, history, travels, and fiction. The number of books added by purchase is 169.

Friends of the Library have contributed 113 volumes of books and magazines. The largest donors are Mrs. Lewis of Boston, who sent fourteen volumes of choice works, and the family of the Rev. Anson McLoud, who gave seventy-nine volumes of the Eclectic Magazine—a very valuable contribution

Whole number of books added during the year, by purchase and by donation, 282. Whole number in the Library, 2286. Number of volumes issued, 5580.

We would acknowledge our obligations to the Librarian and Assistant Librarians, for their gratuitous services during the year.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1883,	$53.58	
From the Town Treasury, by vote of Town,	75.00	
Interest from Erie Bond,	70.00	
Interest from Oregon Scrip,	40.00	
Dividend of Atchison Stock,	27.00	
Proceeds of Band Concert,	11.70	
Miscellaneous,	6.50	$283.78

EXPENDITURES.

A. Williams, for Books,	$ 39.52	
Cupples, Upham & Co.,	139.69	
Johnson's Cyclopædia,	37.00	
One Book,	1.00	
H. A. Brooks's Book Bindery,	30.53	
Express charges,	1.30	$249.04
In Treasury, March 1st, 1884,		$ 34.74

The funds of the Library are:—

Erie Bond,	$1,000.00
Oregon R. & N. Co. Scrip,	500.00
Five shares A. T. & Santa Fe Railroad Stock,	500.00
	$2,000.00

JUSTIN ALLEN,
C. HERRICK,
A. M. MERRIAM,
A. A. CONANT,
JOS. B. POOR,
} Library Committee.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Topsfield, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Topsfield, on Monday, the 3d day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Third. To hear all reports that may legally come before the meeting, and act thereon.

Fourth. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Fifth. To act on the subject of the revision of the jury box.

Sixth. To raise and grant such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

Seventh. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money to pay demands against the town.

Eighth. To see what action the town will take in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. (See Chap. 100, Public Statutes.)

Ninth. To see what action the town will take in regard to a Flagman at Towne's Bridge R. R. crossing.

Tenth. To see what action the town will take in regard to appropriating a sum of money for decoration day.

Eleventh. To see if the Town will vote to pay Charles J. Peabody for injury to his horse on the thirteenth day of April last, caused by a defect in the highway, near the house on the Agricultural farm.

Twelfth. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a bill presented by Mr. Bodge for damage, claimed to have

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Town Officers for 1884.

TOWN CLERK,
JOHN H. GOULD.

CONSTABLES,
H. W. LAKE, R. WARD.

SELECTMEN,
JOHN H. TOWNE, S. D. HOOD, B. P. PIKE.

ASSESSORS,
S. D. HOOD, J. H. TOWNE, J. H. GOULD.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.
J. H. POTTER, G. F. AVERELL, I. M. WOODBURY.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
B. P. PIKE, 1885. D. Q. PERKINS, 1885. H. BALCH, 1886.
W. DONALDSON, 1886 C. F. DODGE, 1887. F. L. WINSLOW, 1887.

TREASURER.
JOHN H. GOULD.

FISH COMMITTEE.
E. S. CLIFFORD, A. B. RICHARDSON, R. WARD.

FENCE VIEWERS,
J. H. POTTER, T. K. LEACH. A. B. RICHARDSON.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,
A. A. CONANT, 1885. A. M. MERRIAM, 1886. CHAS. HERRICK, 1887.
J. B. POOR, 1888. DR. J. ALLEN, 1889.

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

1. E. ADAMS.	6. W. H. WILDES.	11. J. P. PERKINS.
2. W. P. GALLUP.	7. E. T. PHILLIPS.	12. D. P. TOWNE.
3. G. F. AVERELL.	8. D. A. CONANT.	13. L. A. RUST.
4. B. P. PIKE.	9. E. L. WILDES.	
5. A. W. STEVENS.	10. W. DONALDSON.	

FIELD DRIVERS.
W. SMITH, J. H. WELCH, O. B. POOL,
J. LORING GOULD, JOHN LYNCH, J. A. KINSMAN.
C. F. JORDAN, Pound Keeper.

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE,
T. K. LEACH, J. WILSON, A. B. RICHARDSON.

COMMON COMMITTEE,
C. H. HOLMES, J. H. GOULD, J. G. RYDER.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,
ANDREW GOULD, J. H. POTTER, DANIEL WILLEY.

BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE,
C. A. FOSTER, D. BRADSTREET, E. T. PHILLIPS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
E. E. FERGUSON.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE,
C. J. P. FLOYD, J. WILSON, E. T. PHILLIPS.
H. A. PEABODY, B. C. DODD, JR.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births recorded, 20. Males, 11; Females, 9.
Marriage Certificates issued, 9. Marriages recorded, 7.
Number of dogs licensed, 71. Males, 65; females, 6.

DEATHS IN TOPSFIELD, 1884.

	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 2. Nehemiah Balch,	76	10	26
Feb. 24, John Boardman,	82		
March 3, Augustine S. Peabody,	72	11	27
March 11. Stephen P. Hammond,	72	11	
March 23, Alonzo A. Bradstreet,	44	11	
March 29, Mrs. Helen A. Steward,	50		17
May 25. Ida Taylor,			2
June 1, Susan Wildes,	79	7	4
June 26, Mrs Mercy Willey,	81	2	7
June 29, Asa B. Bixby,	67		4
July 18, Louie Archer Potter,	2	9	12
Aug. 12. Mrs. Susan Von Crawford,	26		
Aug. 21, S Lois M. Rea,	42	7	9
Aug. 23, Herbert W. Stay,		10	13
Aug. 30, Charles M Fuller,	23	11	11
Sept. 18, Arthur Warren Perley,		4	25
Oct. 26, Mary Elizabeth Balch,	65	11	1
Dec 8, Widow Mary A Gould,	57	4	21
Dec. 17, Dennis A. Perkins,	35	2	9

BROUGHT INTO TOWN.

	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Feb. 2, Mrs. Anna B. Janes, died Boxford,	83		6
Mch. 1, Widow Elizabeth K. Conant, died Beverly,	87	6	1
Aug. 4, Mr. C. H. Stimpson, died Peak's Island, Me.,	25	5	
Aug. 19, —— Kneeland, (female), died Boxford,			7
Dec. 17, Francis J. Emerson, died New York City,	2	11	13
Dec. 28, Erastus Clark, died Ipswich,	83	1	25

Assessors' Report.

Number of Polls,	309
Tax on each,	$ 2.00
Total value of Personal Estate,	195,495.00
" " Real "	528,435.00
Total Valuation of Town,	$723.930.00
Total Tax, Polls, and Overlay,	8,581 92
Rate per $1000,	11.00
Number of Horses,	210
" Cows,	506
" Oxen,	64
" Sheep,	29
" Dwelling Houses,	232
" Acres of Land,	7,338

S. D. HOOD,
J. H. TOWNE,
J. H. GOULD,
} Assessors of Topsfield.

Registrar's Report.

Registered Voters, Oct. 29, 1884, ... 295

JOHN H. GOULD, Clerk.

REPORT.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

Balance in the Treasury, March 1st, 1884,			$4,465.42
Amount received of	S. H. Dane, for license,		6 00
"	"	Flag-Staff Committee,	4.45
"	"	Town of Beverly, aid to Annie Wentworth,	30.00
"	"	B. P. Edwards, for license, (Sixth Class),	1.00
"	"	Town of Boxford, repairing Fish Brook bridge,	14.45
"	"	Common Committee, for hay,	17.07
"	"	Charles A. Gould, for license,	6.00
"	"	J. Porter Gould, Munday Estate tax,	191.10
"	"	Dudley Bradstreet, Munday Estate tax,	26.25
"	"	John H. Gould, Munday Estate tax,	47.25
"	"	Edward E. Ferguson, Collector, 1883,	536.52
"	"	Helena Peabody, on Note,	500.00
"	"	Geo. W. Twitchell, school books	.75
"	"	Corporation tax,	171.35
"	"	National Bank Tax,	490 26
"	"	Military Aid refunded,	562.00
"	"	Massachusetts School Fund,	211.38
"	"	Dog Tax,	119 16
"	"	For old windows, Centre Schoolhouse,	20.00
"	"	For cow rights, Bare Hill Pasture,	30.00

Amount received of	Fish Committee, ...		8.00
" "	For lots in Grove Hill Cemetery,		51.50
" "	Town Hall Committee, ...		75.00
" "	Edward E.. Ferguson, Collector, 1884, ...		7,385 00
			$14,969.91

Selectmen's Department.

SPECIFICATION OF ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER BY THE SELECTMEN, VIZ :

Henry K. Pratt, labor on bridges, ...	$7.60	
" " pathing snow, ...	7.14—	$ 14 74
J. Frank Averell, labor on bridge, etc., ...		10 88
Emma W. Browne, teaching Centre Grammar School,		66 00
L. W. Hobbs, pathing snow, ...		.51
Samuel Bickford, pathing snow, ...		.42
H. A. Wilkins, teaching South School, ...		72.00
Minnie J. Foster, teaching North School, ...		112.00
Wm. S. Bell, painting and papering at almshouse.	$19.00	
Wm. S. Bell, stock, etc , for the same,.. ..	5.87—	24.87
Loring A. Rust, pathing snow, ...		3.74
Frank Porter, pathing snow, ...		1.53
A. Dodge and O. Bickford, Janitors Centre Schools,..		10.00
Fred. A. Read, pathing snow, ...		3.40
C. Austin Averell, pathing snow,...		4 25
John H. Dodge, winding town clock, striking part,...		5.00
Mary E. Kimball, teaching East School, ...		112.00
F. W. Rust, Janitor South School, ...		5.00
Charles J. Peabody, pathing snow, ...		2.63
Dudley Q. Perkins, wood, East School, ...	4.00	
" " pathing snow, ...	.2.72—	6.72
Wm. S. Bell, painting guide-boards, ...		4.50
Mary E. Gould, teaching Centre Primary School, ...		112.00

Abby W. Peterson, teaching South School, ...	40.00
Allen Gould, watching fire, March 17th, ...	2.00
Humphrey Balch, taking census, ...10.00	
" " services as School Committee 60 00—	70.00
Frank L. Winslow, " " " 3.00	
" " cash paid for school books, 20.38—	23.38
C. F. Dodge, services as School Committee, ...	3.00
Baxter P. Pike, " " "	3 00
Dudley Q. Perkins, services as School Committee,....	3.00
Wellington Donaldson, " " "	3.00
C. A. S. Kneeland, care of Town Library,... 6.00	
" " care of town hall and clock, 5 00—	11.00
Elisha P. Andrews, watching fire, March 17th, 2.00	
" " labor on bridge, ...2.00—	4.00
Fred. Andrews, Janitor East School, ...	5.00
Charles J. Peabody, damage to horse, by vote of town,	75.00
Dr. Geo. Z. Goodell, professional services to George Logan,....	4.50
Joseph B. Poor, goods for almshouse,..	41 47
Wm. B. Kimball, goods for almshouse,.....51.20	
" " goods for John Gunnison,.. 5 28	
" " goods for Thomas Fenton,.. 8.00—	64.48
Horatio Nelson, Superintendent of Poor Farm,.....	296.00
Nathaniel Foster, stone for bridge, ...	2 00
Warren Nichols, pathing snow, ...	4.06
John M. Walch, pathing snow, ...	2.21
Overseers, aid to George Bixby,.....	13 00
Fred. Smerage, pathing snow, ...	12 65
Mrs. W. W. Clifford, labor at Centre School-house,..	2.33
Henry A. Davis, State Inspector of Weights and Measures, ...	7.55
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of Edwin Foster,...	20.96
Wm. S. Bell, labor on Centre School-house,..42.50	
" " stock, etc., for same, ...16.50—	59 00
Alden P. Peabody, labor on highway,...	3.90
Frank Porter, labor on highway, ...	6.37
George W. Dwinell, labor on highway, ...	6.88
Charles J. Peabody, labor on highway,..... ...	13.15

Loring A. Rust, labor on highway,	9.52	
" " pathing snow,	5.34—	14.86
Wm. H. Wildes, labor on highway,	4.08	
" " cash paid,	26.27—	30.35
A. W. Stevens, pathing snow,		6.28
John A. Peterson, pathing snow,	4.84	
" " wood for South School,	8.00—	12.84
I. M. Woodbury, two cows for Poor Farm,		120.00
George P. Dow, labor on highway,		3.40
Albert W. Bixby, labor on highway,		3 40
W. A. Dwinell, labor on highway,		3.40
David H. Dwinell, labor on highway,		8.68
J. H. Potter, labor on Centre School-house	21.25	
" " stock, etc., for the same,	17 47—	38.72
Wm. A. Long, for carriage hire for County Commissioners,		2.25
Amos T Fiske, labor at Centre School-house and sawing wood,		2.50
Levi L. Beale, labor on highway,		5.10
Charles H. Smith, labor on highway,		5.10
A. W. Stevens, labor at South School-house,	14.00	
" " stock, etc., for same,	19 68—	33.68
John Smith, labor on highway,		4.16
Charles Carmody, labor on highway,		3.40
Charles W. Floyd, labor on highway,		3.40
Thomas F. Cass, pathing snow,		6.74
Wm. Pitman Gould, interest on note,		60.00
J. Albert Blaisdell, labor on highway,		9.69
Elisha P. Andrews, labor on highway,		9.86
Jotham S. Welch, labor on highway,		11 56
Otto E. Lake, cash paid, labor on well, school grounds,		2.00
E. T. Phillips, labor on highway,	13.26	
" " cash paid,	6.80—	20.06
Committee on Memorial Day, cash,		75.00
E. T. Phillips, gravel on highway,		25.86
George Deland, labor on highway,		4.31
Allen Gould, labor on highway,		6.63
Charles Herrick, interest on three notes,		180.00

James Manning, labor on highway, ...	28.20
Henry W. Lake, services as constable, ... 20.00	
" " interest on note, ... 30.00—	50 00
J. H Gunnison, labor on highway, ...	3.40
Wm. H Homan, labor on highway, ...	5.01
Albert W. Bixby, labor on highway, ...	6.63
Whipple Smith, wood for Centre School, ...	2.00
William S. Bell, painting flag-staff, ropes for same, ... 11.72	
Wm. S. Bell, papering at Centre School-house, 5.00—	16.72
Levi L. Beal, labor on highway, ...	26.35
Arthur F. Perkins, labor on highway. 4.93	
" " janitor North School, . . . 5.00—	9.93
Elisha P. Andrews, labor on highway, ...	34.00
Jotham S Welch, labor on highway, ...	3.57
Samuel To ld, labor on highway, ...	12.24
Wm. P Gallup, cash paid, for labor on highway, bridges, ...	83.81
Daniel A. Conant, labor on highway, snow, and guards,	26.10
C. Augustus Foster, labor on highway, ...	30.60
Amos L. Hodgdon, labor on highway, ...	30.43
Town of Boxford, one bridge stringer, Fish Brook, . . .	7.50
John H. Potter, labor on Fish Brook bridge, ...	4.61
Fred Smerage, labor on highways, ...	125.10
Wm. S. Bell, painting front of Town Hall, . . . 31.25	
" " stock, etc., for the same, ... 9.12—	40.37
C. A. S. Kneeland, care of library, ... 6.00	
" " care of clock and hall, ... 3.00—	9.00
Fred. Smerage, labor on highway, ...	13.96
Sanger, Hood & Co., coal for almshouse, ...	39.82
Levi L. Beal, labor on highway, ...	1.70
John Jewett & Co., labor at Centre School-house, . . .	19.00
Burial Ground Committee, labor at cemetery, ...	37.55
John H. Potter, lumber for bridges, ... 45 25	
" " labor on bridges, ... 16.50	
" " labor on guards, ... 12.00—	73.75
Whitman & Barnes, machine knives for Poor Farm, . .	7.25
Emma G. Ryder, repairs of roads on Common, ...	14.16

A. W. Stevens, labor on highway and bridges, ... 25.00
Charles Carmody, labor on highway, ... 1.70
Edwin Adams, labor on highway and snow, ... 11.76
Wm. S. Bell, painting Town Farm buildings, ... 101.25
Emma W. Browne, teaching Centre School, ... 90.00
M. E. Kimball, teaching East School, ... 70.00
Jos. E. Andrews, pathing snow, cash paid for gravel, 10.15
Horatio Nelson, labor on highway, ... 7.00
County of Essex, board of Lewis L. Bixby, ... 65.00
Joseph B. Poor, goods delivered to Mrs. George Ellard, ... 5.00
Joseph B. Poor, goods delivered to John H. Gunnison, ... 5.00
Jos. B. Poor, goods delivered to Benj. Fuller, ..5.00— 15.00
Jos. B. Poor, lead and oils, etc., for Poor Farm buildings, ... 45.00
Charles W. Floyd, special police, ... 3.50
Joseph B. Poor, goods for almshouse, ... 102.30
Minnie Foster, teaching North School, ... 70.00
Mary E. Gould, teaching Primary School, ... 80.00
Abba W. Peterson, teaching South School, ... 70.00
Estate of Thomas P. Munday, for land damage, ... 190.00
Lucinda W. Todd, interest on note, ... 42.00
Wm. L. Kimball, goods for almshouse, ... 56.97
" " goods for Thomas Fenton, .. 3.00
" " goods for Mrs. Geo. Ellard, 10.00— 69.97
Burial Ground Committee, labor at cemetery, ... 18.15
J. L. Fiske, Janitor Centre School, ... 5.00
J. Arthur Towne, labor on highway and snow, ... 12.24
Overseers, aid to George Bixby, ... 13.00
C. H. Ricker, bread furnished Samuel Bickford, ... 13.00
B. P. Edwards, medicines for almshouse, ... 4.70
Nathaniel Foster, lumber and labor on bridge, ... 6.48
Wm. S. Bell, painting wagons at Poor Farm, .11 00
" " painting at Town Hall and stock, 15.00— 26.00
Joseph B. Poor, for school books, ... 58.74
Wm. S. Bell, painting and papering Centre Schoolhouse, ... 79.80

J W. Jewett & Co., labor on Town Hall and stock,.. 77.79
J. H. Towne, labor on highway and bridges, ... 5.87
Henry P. Ives, room paper for Centre School-house,.. 8.00
Merrill & Mackintire, " " " " 18 50
B. B Towne, interest on three notes,..... ..... 150.00
Proctor Perkins, pathing snow, ... 2.70
Thomas G. Pinnock, slating Town Hall,.... ..... 12.20
Francis Peabody, labor on highway, ... 6.80
C. A. S. Kneeland, care of library, ...6.00
" " care of town hall and clock, 4.00— 10.00
William Ware & Co., school books,..... .. .... 24.40
Knight, Adams & Co., school books, ... 23.78
J H. Gunnison, labor on highway,.... ..... 2.29
Benjamin Pike, pathing snow, ... 6.29
" " labor on highway, ...36.72— 43.01
Elmer W. Stevens, Janitor South School. 2.50
Charles Winslow, labor on highway, ... 11.56
Fred P. Merriam, coal for Town Hall,.....54.28
" " coal for Centre School, ...27.79— 82.07
Thompson, Brown & Co., school books, ... 11.25
John H. Potter, lumber for bridges, ...45.83
" " labor on bridges, ...25.00— 70.83
Wm. H. Wildes, labor on highway,.... .... 4.42
" " cash paid for highway labor, 15.32— 19.74
E. Kendall Jenkins, county tax,.... .... 870.17
J. W. Stump, teaching Centre School, ... 60.00
Wm. B. Kimball, goods for almshouse, ... 60.70
Charles Winslow, labor on highway,..... 13.81
Boston School Supply Co., school books, ... 31.43
William Ware & Co., school books, ... 38.93
Charles H. Whiting, school supplies. 15.90
Van Antwerp, Brag & Co., school books, ... 13.90
Thompson, Brown & Co , school books, ... 26.68
Charles C. Gerry, school supplies,..... 1 76
D. Appleton & Co., school books, ... 13.44
Overseers, aid to George Bixby, ... 13.00
George P. Frame, wood for Centre School, ... 4.50
Wellington Donaldson, labor on highway, ... 13.18

Joseph B. Poor, goods for almshouse,	44.14
" " paint stock for Centre School-house,	41.01
Leverett S. Howe, one-half bound-stone between Topsfield and Boxford,	2.00
William P. Gallup, labor on highway and bridges, 101.41	
Wm P. Gallup, cash paid for labor, 19.38—	120.79
Mercer & Whittemore, insurance on Town Hall, five years,	231.00
T. Batchelder & Co., coal for Town Hall,	13.50
Charles Carmody, labor on highway,	2.29
Charles H. Smith, labor on highway,	12.88
Edwin Adams, labor on highway and bridges,	29.75
Amos Fiske, sawing wood, Centre School,	1.75
Austin A Morse, labor on Rowley Bridge road,	13.50
Dudley P. Towne, labor on highway, 27.27	
" " pathing snow, 1.87—	29.14
Charles Winslow, labor on highway,	18.22
Charles H. Conley, labor on highway,	10.03
Edwin Adams, labor on Centre School grounds,	5.10
Elisha H. Towne, labor on highway,	7.79
Fred Smerage, labor on highway,	14.28
Charles J. Peabody, labor on highway.	12.42
Moses P. Towne, labor on Rowley Bridge road,	21.00
Fred. A. Reed, labor on Rowley Bridge road,	37 94
J. W. A. Perkins, printing for town,	3.75
Isaac B. Young, labor on highway,	13.84
B. Austin Perkins, labor on highway,	16 40
Benjamin C. Dodd, labor on highway,	12 41
James Waters, labor on highway,	3.47
Thos. K. Leach, renting Town Hall, labor, cash paid,	10.00
Abba W. Peterson, teaching South School.	70.00
Minnie J. Foster, teaching North School,	70.00
John W. Stump, teaching Centre School,	90.00
Mary E. Kimball, teaching East School,	70.00
Mary E. Gould, teaching Centre Primary School,	80.00
Leonard Fiske, Janitor Centre School,	3.00
Charles Winslow, labor on Centre School grounds,	15.36

Charles H. Smith, labor on highway,		3.90
Stephen Pierce, labor on Rowley Bridge road,		35.18
Allen Gould, labor on Rowley Bridge road,		41.18
Levi L. Beal, labor on Rowley Bridge road,		38.63
Wm A. Long, carriage hire for Selectmen and Surveyor,		4.00
Sidney O. Gould, labor on Rowley Bridge road,		29.14
Justin H. Welch, labor on Rowley Bridge road,		38.18
Lewis H. Wildes, " " " "		41.18
John Smith, " " " "		36.54
Michael Collins, " " " "		29.93
Benjamin Fuller, " " " "		14.30
Warren L. Nichols, labor on highway,	3.40	
" " labor on Rowley Bridge road,	41.18—	44.58
Alfred W. Proctor, labor on Rowley Bridge road,		39 68
Austin A. Morse, " " " "		15.68
Thomas F. Cass, " " " "		96.42
Alpheus Gould, " " " "		38.78
Fred. Smerage, " " " "		162.22
Amos L. Hodgdon, labor on highway,		19.64
John H. Gould, services as Assessor,	35.00	
" " services as Registrar,	10.00—	45.00
John H. Towne, services as Assessor,	35.00	
" " services as Registrar,	5.00—	40.00
Charles H. Smith, labor on highway,		6.80
Charles H Conley, labor on highway,		6.80
Dennis Lynch, labor on highway,		4.25
C. Augustus Foster, labor on highway and bridges,		16.98
Sarah P. Towne, labor on highway,	9.47	
" " gravel for highway,	1.08	
" " pathing snow,	1.36	
" " interest on note,	30.00—	41.91
C. H. Ricker, bread furnished Samuel Bickford,		10.00
Charles Winslow, labor on highway,		6.80
Otis Bickford, Janitor Centre School,		2.00
Salmon D. Hood, services as Assessor,		35.00
Mrs. M. E. Potter, washing windows and labor at Centre School-house,		9.50

Eugene L. Wildes, labor on highway and snow, ...		18.83
John H. Potter, cash paid for windows for Centre School-house, ...		75.53
Ira P. Long, blacksmithing for Poor Farm, ...	17.75	
" " " " the Town, ...	17.50—	35.25
Geo. F. Averell, labor on highway and bridges,	16.32	
" " pathing snow, ...	5.44	
" " cash paid pathing snow, ..	11.22—	32.98
Daniel Towne, labor on highway, ...	16.88	
" " pathing snow, ...	5.10—	21.98
Dalmer Andrews, Janitor East School, two terms, ...		4.00
Wm. P. Gallup, labor on highway and bridges,	17.00	
" " cash paid for labor, ...	11.72—	28.72
Daniel A. Gleason, State tax, ...		880.00
Francis Peabody, labor on Rowley Bridge road, ...		27.63
Fred. Smerage, labor on Centre School grounds, ...		4.59
Allen Gould, labor on highway, ...		1.87
Lyman A. Perkins, labor at Centre School-house, ...		.85
Sewall L. Towne, labor on highway, ...		12.26
C. Augustus Foster, labor on Centre School grounds,		13.68
Foote & Horton, printing for town, ...	35 54	
" " printing School Reports, ...	9.58—	45.12
Wm. S. Bell, painting windows, Centre School-house,		26.75
Diamond Match Co., timber for bridge stringers, ...		18.00
Mary S. Perkins, interest on note, ...		102.00
Daniel A. Conant, labor on highway, etc., ...		11.56
E. P. Andrews, labor on highway, ...		6.29
Allen Gould, labor on highway, ...		3.75
George P. Dow, labor on highway, ...		1.28
Abram Welch, labor on highway, ...		4.59
J. H. Towne, labor on highway, ...	2 55	
" " labor on bridges, ...	8.50	
" " cash paid for posts and nails, ...	1.90—	12.95
Thomas W. Pierce, pathing snow, ...	24.00	
" " labor on Rowley Bridge road, ...	5.05	
Thomas W. Pierce, labor on bridges, ...	30.65—	59.70
Abba W. Peterson, teaching South School, winter term,		24.00

27.63
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32.68
70.95
103.63

C A S. Kneeland, care of library room,	6.00	
" " care of town hall and clock,	4.50—	10.50
Thomas Cass, labor on highway,		4.42
F. W. Rust, Janitor South School,		2.50
Loring A. Rust, labor on highway		11 97
Overseers, aid to Samuel Bickford,		38.00
Eugene L. Wildes, labor on highway,		9.02
J. Albert Blaisdell, labor on highway,		1.19
John H. Gould, Collector of Taxes, 1881,	108.41	
" " " " 1882,	88.11—	196.52
Benj. Fuller, labor on Rowley Bridge road,		7 91
Trustees Deborah Kimball Centennial Fund, interest on note,		30.00
Committee on Library, by vote of town,		75.00
Baxter P. Pike, labor on Rowley Bridge road and cash paid,		63.04
B. Payson Glazier, labor on bridge, and for gravel,		4.50
Burial Ground Committee, labor at cemetery,		6 57
G. R. Perkins, Janitor two terms North School,		5.00
Arthur F. Perkins, labor on highway,		1.96
C. Augustus Foster, labor on highway, Common, etc ,		29.76
A. B. Richardson, one stove for East School-house,	12.50	
A. B. Richardson, labor at Town Hall and stock	8 50	
" " labor and stock at Centre School-house,	4.50	
A B. Richardson, labor and stock at town pump	2.00—	27.50
Moses Bradstreet, labor on highway,	6.41	
" " pathing snow,	2.12—	8.53
Alfred Cummings, labor on highway,		4.00
Mary E Kimball, teaching East School, winter term,		24.00
A. B. Richardson. one range to Benjamin Fuller,		12.50
Francis Curtis labor on highway, guide boards, etc.,		16.50
Josiah P. Perkins, labor on highway and bridges,	34.68	
Josiah P. Perkins, wood to Samuel Bickford,	2.75—	37.43
Henry A. Peabody, expressing for Town and Library,		3 45
County of Essex, board and clothing of Lewis L. Bixby,		87.71

Dudley Q. Perkins, labor on highway and gravel,	19.76	
Dudley Q. Perkins, wood and repairs for East School-house,	19.50—	39.26
Horace Ray, gravel for highway,	1.00	
" " special police,	2.00—	3.00
Overseers, aid to George Bixby,		13.00
William Welch, labor at Town Hall,	15.85	
" " bridges and guards,	2.45—	18.30
B. P. Edwards, medicines for almshouse,		4 43
Wm. B. Kimball, goods for almshouse,		63.16
Minnie Foster, teaching North School, winter term,		32.00
John Gunnison, cutting bushes on highway,		2.67
Wm. S. Bell, painting guide-boards,		3.50
Joseph B. Poor, goods for almshouse,		73.87
Helena Peabody, gravel for highway,		31.65
J. Arthur Lamson, labor on highway,	10.70	
" " pathing snow,	4.08—	14.78
John W. Stump, teaching Centre School, winter term,		60.00
C. Austin Averell, labor on highway,		5.32
Joseph E. Andrews, labor on highway and snow,		9.51
Dudley P. Towne, labor on highway,		5.80
John Smith, cutting wood, Town Hall,		1.50
Fred. Smerage, for gravel and labor on highway,		10 50
Fred. P. Merriam, coal for Mrs. A. Kneeland,		8 00
John A. Peterson, wood for South School, and sawing ing same,		19.00
Helena Peabody, note and interest,		505.00
Augustus W. Smith, labor on highway,	5.35	
" " pathing snow,	3.23	
" " wood for North School,	17.10—	25.68
Horatio Nelson, Superintendent of Almshouse, six months, to Oct. 1st, 1884,		175.00
John H. Gould, to cash paid for books, paper, and ink,	15.10	
John H. Gould, to cash paid for stamps, expressing,	5.00	
John H. Gould, recording births, deaths, marriages, etc.,	18.72—	38.82

Wm. L. Batchelder, labor on Rowley Bridge road,... 11.11
Frank H. Towne, " " " " ... 5.84
Benjamin J. Balch, labor on highway, ... 4.93
John H. Potter, labor on Centre School-house, 56.75
" " stock for same, ... 18.30— 75.05
Mary E. Gould, teaching Centre Primary School, winter term,..... .. .. 45.00
Samuel S. McKenzie, surveying, and drawing six plans of cemetery, ... 25.00
Samuel S McKenzie, surveying roads,..... 5.00— 30.00
Robert Lake, clothing for Chas. Gunnison,...11.40
" " clothing for Benj Fuller, ... 3.25— 14 65
Committee on Suppression of Liquor Traffic, cash paid, etc., ... 27.00
Frank L. Winslow, cash paid for school books, expressing, etc.,.... .... 9.78
Wm. B Kimball, goods for Joseph Peabody,. 20 00
" " goods for Mrs. Geo. Ellard, 10 00 — 30.00
Fish Committee, expenses for team and notices,..... 2 50
George W. Dwinell, pathing-snow, ... 3 06
Knight, Adams & Co., school supplies and books. ... 8 60
A W. Stevens, labor on highway, ... 9.40
" " pathing snow, ...11.93— 21 33
J. W. A. Perkins, printing for town, ... 1.25
Overseers, interest on Anna Pingree fund,..... ..... 300.0
I. M. Woodbury, wood to Geo. Logan,.....10 50
" " wood to Mrs. Geo. Ellard,. 8.50
" " wood to J. Gunnison,. 3 75
" " wood to Thomas Fenton,... 3.75— 26.50
J. H Potter, labor on East School-house and stock, ... 4.00
J. H. Potter, lumber for bridge, ... 2.30— 6.30
Fred. P. Merriam, coal for Centre Schools, ... 10.13
I. M. Woodbury, meat furnished Samuel Bickford,..... .. .. 22.13
I. M. Woodbury, meat furnished Benj. Fuller, 13.64— 35.77
Leach & Wilson, repairs on wagon wheels, scraper, etc., ... 16.10

Jos. B. Poor, supplies for Town Hall,.....9.96
" " supplies for Centre School, ...1.66— 11.62
I. M. Woodbury, services as Overseer, etc.,..10.00
" " wood for Town Hall, ... 3 75— 13.75
J. H. Potter, journeys out of town, cash paid as Overseer,..... 20.85
Dr. Benj. Bartlett, medical attendance to Jos. Peabody, 16.00
Baxter P. Pike, labor on highway, school supplies,... 8 77
Wm. B. Kimball, goods to Benj. Fuller, ... 68.03
Ephraim Perkins, pathing snow, ... 2.21
Frank E. Batchelder, labor on highway,.....4.00
" " pathing snow,.....6.80— 10.80
Dudley Bradstreet, labor on highway, ... 4.96
Edward E Ferguson, Collector of Taxes, year 1883, 129.62
Moses Wildes, interest on two notes, ... 120.00
A. B. Richardson, labor on town clock, services as Hall Committee, ... 10.00
George F. Averell, services as Overseer, journeys, cash paid, ... 17.00
John H. Potter, services as Overseer and cash paid,.. 19.00
John H. Gould, services as Town Treasurer,..50 00
" " services as Town Clerk,. .. 15.00
" " journeys, cash paid, expressing, etc.,.....20.00— 85 00
John H. Towne, services as Selectman,..... 45.00
Salmon D. Hood, services as Selectman,.....40.00
" " services as auctioneer, journeys, cash paid, ... 8.00— 48.00
Baxter P. Pike, services as Selectman, ... 40.00
Richard Ward, services as constable, two years,..... 16.00
Justin Allen, medical attendance to Benjamin Fuller's family,..... ...25.00
Justin Allen, medical attendance at almshouse, 1.25
" returning births to Town Clerk,. 5.00— 31.25

EDWARD E. FERGUSON, ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR THE YEARS 1883–84.

1883.

George L. Batchelder, non-resident,	$2.00	
James Barton, "	2.00	
Horace Dickinson, unable,	2.00	
Edward E. Gunnison, unable,	2.00	
George Greeley, non-resident,	2.00	
Stephen P. Hammond, deceased,	1.00	
Aaron Hadley, non-resident,	2.00	
John C. Janes, "	2.00	
Patrick Lally, "	2.00	
George Logan, unable,	2.00	
Charles W. Locke, non-resident,	2.00	
E. F. Maxfield, non-resident,	2.00	
Fred. W. Read, minor,	2.00	
John N. Towne, non-resident,	2.00	
Everett C. Taylor, "	1.00	
John Watson, "	2.00	$30.00

1884.

Dudley Bradstreet, over-tax,	3.33	3.33

MILITARY AID, AMOUNT AND TO WHOM PAID.

Albert W. Bixby,	$16.00
Ann Benton,	48.00
Dalmer J. Carlton,	48.00
Francis Curtis,	12.00
Elizabeth M. Deland,	48.00
Benjamin C. Dodd, Jr.,	36.00
Edwin K. Foster,	7.50
E. Otis Gould,	24.00
Mary Hoyt,	48.00
Maria J. Hobbs,	48.00

Elizabeth W. Perkins,	48.00	
Stephen Pierce,	18 00	
Erwin T. Phillips,	24.00	
Henry W. Phillips,	60.00	
Francis D. Peabody,	35.00	
Mary J. Roberts,	48.00	
Louisa J. Welch,	48.00	$616.50

Total amount of orders drawn, $13,409.44

SUMMARY VIEW OF ORDERS DRAWN BY THE SELECTMEN ON THE TREASURER.

SCHOOL EXPENSES AND REPAIRS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS, ETC.

Supervision of schools,	$ 75.00	
Taking census,	10.00	
School books,	298.97	
Printing for schools,	9.58	
Centre School expenses,	762.51	
Repairs on Centre School-house and grounds	496.59	
South School expenses,	315.40	
Repairs on South School-house, etc.,	33.68	
East School expenses,	307.00	
Repairs on East School-house,	18.00	
North School expenses,	311.10	$2,637 83
Repairs on Highways,		1,383.19
Repairs on Bridges,		235.46
Repairs on Guards and Guide-boards,		27.07
Gravel for Highways,		66.09
Pathing Snow,		182.72
Town Hall and Clock, expenses,		294.20
Town Library, expenses,		100.00
Cemetery, expenses,		87.27
Town Common,		27.46
Committee on Memorial Day,		75.00

Printing for Town,	40.54
Military Aid,	616.50
Rowley Bridge Road,	891.24
Town Officers,	351.50
Estate of Thomas P. Munday, land damage,	190.00
Overseers' Department,	1,996.73
Town Notes paid,	500.00
State Tax,	880 00
County Tax,	870.17
Interest Paid,	1,049.00
Collectors of Taxes, years 1881, 1882, and 1883,	326.14
Insurance on Town Hall,	231.00
Abatement of Taxes,	33.33
Miscellaneous Expenses,	317.00
Total amount of orders drawn,	$13,409.44

OTHER THAN ORDINARY, AND UNEXPECTED EXPENSES THE PAST YEAR.

Damage to Horse,	$ 75.00
Estate Thomas P. Munday,	190 00
School Books, under new law,	298.97
Rowley Bridge Road,	891.24
Insurance on Town Hall for five years,	231.00
Collector of Taxes for the years 1881 and 1882,	196.52
Superintendent Town Farm, six months' salary present year,	175.00
Paid School Teachers on present term,	185.00
Extra State Tax this year,	220 00
Surveying and Drawing Plans, New Cemetery,	25 00
Repairs on School Houses, etc.,	544.27
Repairs on Poor Farm Buildings,	171.12
Repairs on Town Hall,	168.46
Total,	$3,371.58

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, ENDING MARCH 1st, 1885.

Dr.	Balance in the Treasurer's hands, and the amount ordered in during the year,	$14,969.91
Cr.	March 1st, 1885. Amount ordered out of the Treasury this year,	13,409.44
	Balance in the Treasury in cash,	$ 1,560.47

INDEBTEDNESS.

Notes held against the Town remain the same as last year, viz. :—

Note of the Anna Pingree Fund,	$5,000.00
Note of the Deborah Kimball Fund,	500.00
Notes held by individuals,	14,900.00
Total Town Debt, March 1st, 1885,	$20,400.00

RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	$1,560.47	
Due from Collector of Taxes, 1884,	1,198.92	
Due from State, on account of State aid,	684.00—	3,443.39
Balance against the Town,		$16,956.61

All Taxes are paid up to the year 1884.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. TOWNE,
S. D. HOOD,
B. P. PIKE,
} Selectmen of Topsfield.

Topsfield, Feb. 18th, 1885.

Overseers' Department, 1884.

AMOUNT DRAWN FROM TREASURER FOR POOR OUTSIDE THE FARM.

Dr.

BENJAMIN FULLER.

I. Woodbury, for meat,	$13.64	
W B. Kimball, goods,	68.03	
Dr. J. Allen, medical attendance,	25.00	
A. B. Richardson, for stove,	12.50	
J. B Poor, goods,	5.00	
R. Lake, clothing,	3.25	$127.42

JOSEPH E. PEABODY.

Wm. B. Kimball, goods,	$20.00	
B. W. Bartlett, M. D., medical attendance,	16.00	36.00

JOHN H. GUNNISON.

W. B. Kimball, goods,	$ 5.28	
J. B. Poor, goods,	5.00	
R. Lake, clothing,	11.40	
I M. Woodbury, wood,	3.75	25.43

MRS. GEORGE ELLARD.

W. B Kimball, goods,	$20.00	
I. M. Woodbury, wood,	8 50	
J. B. Poor, goods,	5.00	33.50

SAMUEL BICKFORD.

C. H. Ricker, bread,	$23.00	
I. M. Woodbury, meat,	22.13	
J. P. Perkins, wood,	2.75	
Cash drawn from Treasurer,	38.00	85.88

GEORGE BIXBY.

Cash drawn from Treasurer,	52.00

Overseers, aid to G. Logan,	15.00
" aid to T. Finton,	14.75
" aid to Mrs. E. A. Kneeland,	8.00
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of Edwin Foster,	20 96
County of Essex, board of L. S. Bixby,	152.70
	$571.64

AMOUNT DRAWN FROM TREASURER, ON ACCOUNT OF POOR AT THE FARM.

Wm. B. Kimball, goods for almshouse,	$232.03
J. B. Poor, goods for almshouse,	261.78
W. S. Bell, painting buildings and wagons,	137.12
J. B. Poor, lead and oil for almshouse,	45.00
Whitman and Barnes, machine knives,	7.25
Horatio Nelson, Superintendent, balance of salary of 1883,	296.00
Ira P. Long, blacksmithing	17.75
B. P. Edwards, medicines for almshouse,	9.13
Leach & Wilson, repairs on wheels and scraper,	16 10
Sanger, Hood & Co., coal for almshouse,	39.82
I. M. Woodbury, two cows for almshouse,	120 00
Horatio Nelson, Superintendent,	175.00
I. M. Woodbury, services as Overseer,	10 00
Justin Allen, M. D, medical attendance,	1.25
J. H. Potter, services as Overseer, journeys out of town, and cash paid,	39.85
G. F. Averell, services as Overseer, journeys out of town, and cash paid,	17.00
	$1,425.08

AMOUNT PAID, AS PER BOOK, BY SUPERINTENDENT.

Cash paid to Dudley Bradstreet,	$ 5.00
Thomas Jewett, for fish,	19.06
Cash paid for sundry articles,	12.49
Cash paid for groceries,	67.56
Samuel Kilham, one visit,	3.00

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57.30

Austin Perkins, for slabs,	3.55
Cash paid for seed potatoes,	1.20
Dudley Bradstreet, for teaming hay,	3.00
Boxford tax	6.93
Ipswich tax,	.78
Cash paid for use of hay boat,	1.50
One grindstone,	8 50
Cash paid for labor,	37.90
Cash paid for coal,	4.18
Cash paid for apple trees,	15.00
Thomas Jewett, for fish,	9.71
One hay cutter,	5.50
Cash paid for coal,	2.94
One lap robe,	3.50
One bush puller,	4.50
Cash paid for manurer,	12.18
Repairs on stove,	4.33
Cash paid for grinding corn,	6.54
Thomas Jewett, for fish,	10.53
American cultivator,	2.50
C. H. Nelson, for labor, eight months and one day,	120.57
Josiah P. Perkins, for making cider,	4.46
	$376.91

OVERSEERS OF POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH HORATIO NELSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

AMOUNT SOLD, AS PER BOOK, BY SUPERINTENDENT.

Cash on hand,	$131.17
David Perkins, for use of oxen,	1.50
Barley sold,	6.05
Potatoes,	.50
Corn,	.60
Hay sold,	6.90
Straw sold,	12.15
For use of oxen,	1.00
Seed Corn,	2.35

Chickens,	.56
Onion Sets,	.60
Labor on Highway,	7.00
Rye,	2.00
Mowing Grass,	3.00
Tomatoes,	.95
Peppers,	1.45
Pigs,	34.50
Cash received for pump,	4.00
Cash received for milk,	254.00
Cash for labor,	28.86
Cash for hay,	12.92
Balance of account between H. Nelson and I. M. Woodbury,	17.73
	$529.79
Milk sold to H. Bodge,	147 18
Total,	$676.97

Whole amount drawn from Treasurer, on account of poor at the Farm,	$1,425.08
Amount drawn from Treasurer on account of Poor outside the Farm,	571 64
Cash in hand of Superintendent, Feb. 17, 1885,	152.88
Cash paid, as per book of Superintendent,	376.91
Amount due from H. Bodge, for milk,	147.18
	$2,673.69

Whole amount drawn from Treasurer,	$1,996.72
Amount sold, as per account of Superintendent,	676.97
	$2,673.69

Amount due from the City of New Bedford, for board of William Lyons,	$50.00

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

One Horse,	$ 75 00
Two Oxen,	155.00
Nine Cows,	315.00
Sixty-five Fowls	39.00
Six tons of English Hay,	120.00
Six tons of Meadow Hay,	60 00
One and one-half tons of Salt Hay,	15 00
One-half ton of Rye Straw,	7.00
Three Swine,	10.00
Eighty bushels of Potatoes,	48.00
Seventeen bushels of Beets,	8.50
Fifteen bushels of Barley,	13.50
Six bushels of Onions,	8.00
Eight bushels of Beans,	18.00
Nine bushels of Rye,	6.75
Thirty bushels of Corn,	25.00
Fifty-five pounds of Fresh Pork,	4.40
Three hundred pounds of Salt Pork,	25.50
Thirty-five pounds of Lard,	4.20
Fifty-six pounds of Ham,	6.72
One hundred and eighty-two gallons of Cider,	18.20
Carts, Wagons, and Farming Tools,	350 00
Household Furniture,	300.00
	$1,632.77

DISTRIBUTION OF THE INTEREST OF THE ANNAH PINGREE FUND.

Balance due of 1884,	$ 38.00	
Interest of $5000 for 1884,	300.00	—$338.00
Twenty-one families have been aided with goods, money and fuel, to the amount of		304 00
Leaving a balance of		34.00

Whole number of inmates at the Almshouse,	5
Present number,	5
Cost per week of poor at Farm,	$2.97 1-2
Number of tramps lodged,	374
Interest on Farm and Taxes,	$200

JOHN H. POTTER,
GEORGE F. AVERELL,
I. M. WOODBURY,
} Overseers of Poor.

Report of the Library Committee.

The Library Committee are able to report that another year of prosperity has attended the institution with the interests of which they have been intrusted. New books in different departments of literature have been added to the Library from time to time, giving it the advantages of a living and growing institution. The people of the town have appreciated their privileges by visiting the Library every day when open for the delivery of books. As in former years, books of fiction have been most eagerly sought and read, while those of history, biograghy, and travel, have not been neglected.

Number of bound volumes added by purchase,	210
Number of bound volumes added by donation :—	
From Miss Harriet McE. Kimball,	6
From Mrs. A. M. Merriam,	2
From Hon. E. F. Stone,	2— 10
Mr. A A. Conant gave 41 volumes of Harper's Monthly Magazine,	41
Whole number of volumes added,	261

The increase of books has outgrown the accommodations of the Library room, and more shelves have been ordered to meet the present needs.

3859 books have been issued during the year, upon 116 cards.

The Committee would express their cordial thanks to the ladies who have generously given their time and labor to the interests of the Library on fifty successive Saturdays of the year, thereby saving for the purchase of books the sum usually granted by the town for the Librarian's salary.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1884,	$34.74
Interest on Erie Bond,	70.00
Interest on Oregon Scrip,	40.00
Dividend on Atchison Stock,	30.00
Town Appropriation,	75.00
Fines,	5.00
Total,	$254.74

EXPENDITURES.

Cupples, Upham & Co., for books,	$161.86	
H. A. Brooks, for binding,	28.08	
Harriet McEwen Kimball, for books,	22.40	
A. M Merriam, for books,	3.84	
J. W. A. Perkins, for cards,	1.50	
Express,	1.55	
Total,		219.23

Balance in the hands of the Committee, Mch. 1, 1885, $35.51

The funds of the Library remain the same as last year.

J. ALLEN,
C. HERRICK,
A. M. MERRIAM,
A. A. CONANT,
JOS. B. POOR,
} Library Committee.

Topsfield, March 1, 1885.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Topsfield, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Topsfield, on MONDAY, the second day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year

Third. To hear all reports that may legally come before the meeting, and act thereon.

Fourth. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Fifth. To act on the subject of the revision of the jury box.

Sixth. To raise and grant such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

Seventh. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money to pay demands against the town.

Eighth. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. (See Chap. 100, Public Statutes)

Ninth. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to cause to be repaired the hill on Prospect street, near the house of Mr. Andrew Gould, and make appropriation for the same.

Tenth. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to cause Boston street to be graded from the stone bridge to Salem street, or any part thereof.

Eleventh To see what action the Town will take in regard to providing for tramps.

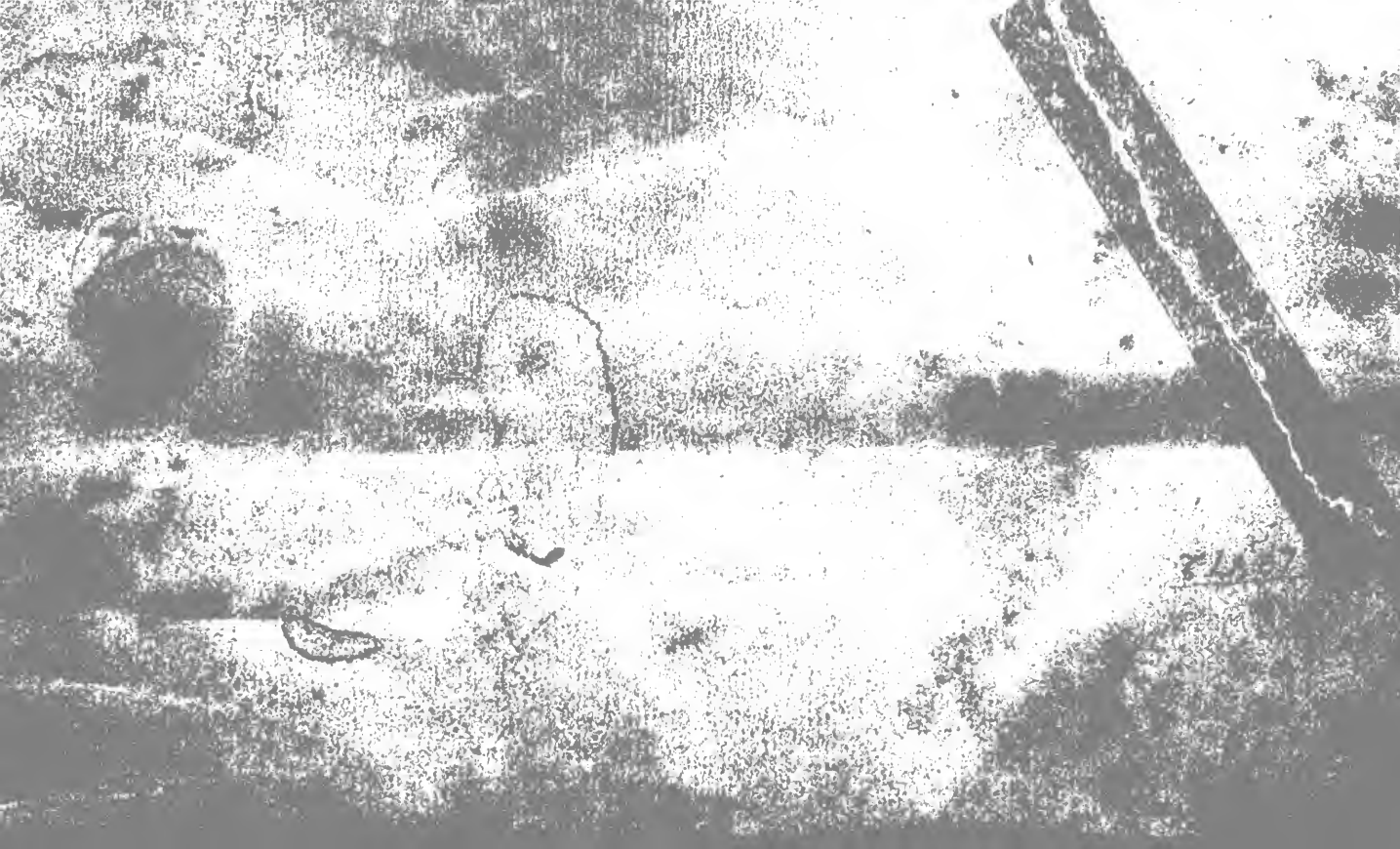
Twelfth. To see what action the Town will take in regard to appropriating a sum of money for Decoration Day.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at each of the public meeting houses in the said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. The polls will open at ten o'clock A. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this eighteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

JOHN H. TOWNE,
SALMON D. HOOD,
BAXTER P. PIKE,
} Selectmen of Topsfield.



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